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Dear Sir:

## Response to Office Action Containing Restriction Requirement

In response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2004, which includes a restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute Group I (Claims 1-13 and 27-29) in this Application. Applicants have withdrawn the remaining claims without prejudice or disclaimer. This provisional election is made to expedite issuance of a patent from this Application. This provisional election does not reflect agreement with or acquiescence to the Examiner's conclusions reflected in the Office Action.